

**§ 366.23 What grants must be made to existing eligible agencies?**

(a) In accordance with the order of priorities established in § 366.22, an eligible agency may receive a grant if the eligible agency demonstrates in its application that it—

(1) Meets the requirements in § 366.21 or § 366.24;

(2) Is receiving funds under part C of title VII of the Act on September 30, 1993; and

(3) Is in compliance with the program and fiscal standards and assurances in section 725(b) and (c) of the Act and subparts F and G of this part. (The indicators of minimum compliance in subpart G of this part are used to determine compliance with the evaluation standards in section 725(b) of the Act.)

(b) For purposes of this section, an eligible agency is receiving funds under part C of title VII of the Act on September 30, 1993, if it was awarded a grant on or before that date, i.e., during FY 1993.

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(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 796f-1(c))

**§ 366.24 How is an award made to a new center?**

(a) To apply for a grant as a new center, an eligible agency shall—

(1) Meet the requirements of § 366.2(b);

(2) Submit an application that meets the requirements of § 366.21; and

(3) Meet the requirements of this section.

(b) Subject to the order of priorities established in § 366.22, a grant for a new center may be awarded to the most qualified eligible agency that applies for funds under this section, if—

(1)(i) No center serves a geographic area of a State; or

(ii) A geographic area of a State is underserved by centers serving other areas of the State;

(2) The eligible agency proposes to serve the geographic area that is unserved or underserved in the State; and

(3) The increase in the allotment of the State under section 721 of the Act for a fiscal year, as compared with the

immediately preceding fiscal year, is sufficient to support an additional center in the State.

(c) The establishment of a new center under this subpart must be consistent with the design included in the State plan pursuant to 34 CFR 364.25 for establishing a statewide network of centers.

(d) An applicant may satisfy the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section by submitting appropriate documentation demonstrating that the establishment of a new center is consistent with the design in the State plan required by 34 CFR 364.25.

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**§ 366.25 What additional factor does the Secretary use in making a grant for a new center under § 366.24?**

In selecting from among applicants for a grant under § 366.24 for a new center, the Secretary considers comments regarding the application, if any, by the SILC in the State in which the applicant is located.

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**§ 366.26 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?**

(a) The Secretary evaluates each application for a grant under this subpart on the basis of the criteria in § 366.27.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for these criteria.

(c) The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 796f(b)(3))

**§ 366.27 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?**

In evaluating each application for a new center under this part, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria:

(a) *Extent of the need for the project* (20 points). (1) The Secretary reviews each application for persuasive evidence that shows the extent to which the project meets the specific needs for the program, including considerations of—